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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Salisbury et al. (USPN 5,435,245).

Regarding claims 1, 2 and 7, Salisbury et al. disclose a marking pen comprising: a handle (collectively 22,26 and 24) having a first end (located adjacent 32) and a second end (the end located away from the wheel 16 and the crown 32); a wheel (16) rotably attached to the first end of said handle, said wheel comprising a polymer that absorbs ink, see col. 2-5 and figures 1-25. Although, Salisbury et al. are silent as to whether or not the device is, can be and/or is intended to be used for indicating the proper location of an incision to be made on a patient undergoing surgery, Salisbury et al. disclose a device that has all of the structural limitations of the claimed invention. The recitation that the marking pen is used for indicating the proper location of an incision to be made on a patient undergoing surgery is interpreted as intended use, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed

invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

Salisbury et al. further disclose that the wheel comprises a flat or arcuate marking surface disposed at a peripheral edge of said wheel

Regarding claim 3, Salisbury et al. further disclose the wheel comprises a plurality of treads (20) disposed about the peripheral edge of said wheel, each, tread defining a marking surface, see figures 1-25.

Regarding claim 4, Salisbury et al. further disclose the marking surface is flat or arcuate, see figures 1-25.

Regarding claim 5, Salisbury et al. further the handle includes a removable neck (26 and its analogous counterparts in the other embodiments) disposed at the first end, the wheel being rotably attached to the removable neck, see col. 2-5 and figures 1-25.

Regarding claims 6 and 9, Salisbury et al. further the handle includes a bend (located at the interface of 22 and 26, and their counterparts in the other embodiments) to provide an ergonomically shaped handle, see col. 2-5 and figures 1-25.

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Regarding claim 8, Salisbury et al. further the wheel comprises a material (material comprising 16 and 20) that can absorb ink and dispense ink onto a patient's skin, see col. 2-5 and figures 1-25.

Regarding claim 10, Salisbury et al. further wheel comprises polyethylene or polypropylene, see col. 4, lines 3-4.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The examiner has provided new prior art to reject claims 1-10. Although the new prior art, Salisbury et al. (USPN 5,435,245) is not intended for indicating the proper location of an incision to be made on a patient undergoing surgery, it discloses all of the structural features claimed and therefore meets the claim.

Conclusion

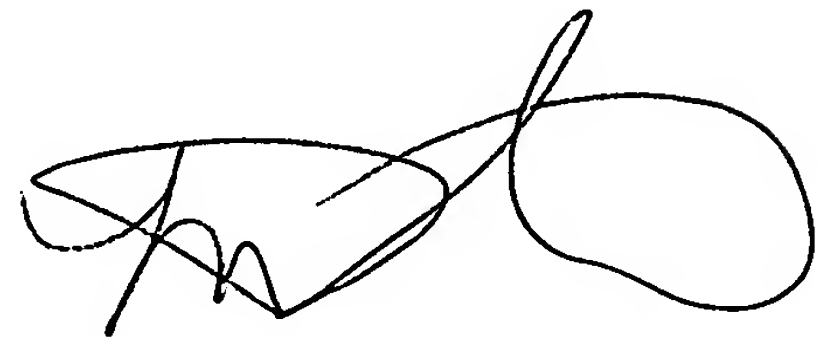
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron Roane whose telephone number is (571) 272-4771. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7AM-6PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on (571) 272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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